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Paul Navarro is the Chief of Legislative and Governmental Affairs as part of the executive management team for the Office of the California State Auditor. As the primary executive staff member interacting with the Legislature and the Governor's Administration, he is responsible for advising the State Auditor on legislative perspectives, strategies, and processes in order to establish and maintain constructive relationships with all levels of government.

Paul started his career as an auditor with the office in the early 1990s, and eventually served for nearly two decades in a variety of capacities for both the legislative and executive branches in the California State Capitol. He returned to working for the State Auditor after several years in private consulting, and most recently served in the public sector as Deputy Secretary of Legislative Affairs for then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. As a senior advisor to the governor, his primary responsibilities included managing high level, complex issues and providing counsel directly to the Governor on a vast variety of policy proposals and bills passed by the Legislature. During his seven years working in the Governor's Office, his portfolio included policy responsibility over K-12 and higher education, state and consumer services, general government, and revenue & taxation.

He also previously served as a Chief Fiscal Adviser and Budget Director in the State Assembly of the California Legislature. In that capacity he was a senior staff member to legislative leadership on fiscal issues and budget negotiation strategy and was responsible for overseeing issues before Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committees. Prior to that he served as Chief Budget Consultant staffing the Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committees, during which he analyzed hundreds of legislative measures, and prepared fiscal analysis on a variety of issues. Paul also worked as Principal Policy Consultant for the Assembly Education Committee and Policy Consultant for Senate Health and Human Services Committee in the California Legislature.

Paul has a BA in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley and Master's in Public Administration from the University of Washington.